

**Vermont Advisory Board for Children and Youth  
With Special Mental Health Needs**

**December 18, 2006  
Waterbury Complex  
12:00-3:00**

*Present: Ted Tighe, Jo-Anne Unruh, Julie Welkowitz, Kreig Pinkham*  
*Guests: Alice Maynard, James MacDonald*

**I. Board Business**

- A. Introduction of Rebecca Muller: tabled until January.
- B. Approved minutes of November 17 meeting.
- C. Letter of endorsement for Care Start initiative on transition for youth with disabilities:  
Tabled until January.
- D. Updates:
  - i. Alice reported that interviews had occurred for an additional candidate for Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health. She anticipated that AHS Secretary Cynthia LaWare was about to make an announcement at 1:00 on who was selected. Later call revealed that Michael Hartman was selected.
  - ii. Board appointments: Alice reported that, with Carla's withdrawal from the Board, Sherry's resignation, and multiple applicants from the southeastern part of the state, we might be able to propose a candidate from Chittenden or Washington counties again. The Board asked James to send Alice the names of two potential parent representatives and also asked Alice to pursue Michael Curtis and his staff for a second nominee for Jeff's now vacant seat.

**II. 2007 Priority Recommendations**

Worked on wording for recommendations. Lead writers presented drafts. More revisions will be shared via e-mail before the next meeting.

- A. Interagency Agreement: Jo-Anne
- B. Autism: Jo-Anne & Guy
- C. Transition: Kreig
- D. Trauma: Julie

**III. Act 264 Draft Forms**

Tabled until February 12 meeting.

**IV. Public Comment**

Members appreciated Jim MacDonald, Director of Children's MH Services at Lamoille County Mental Health, offering to participate and provide a mental health perspective after Jeff McKee's resignation and before the Governor's appointment of a replacement.

**V. Possible agenda items for next meeting: February 12, 12:00 – 3:00, Weeks Building, Waterbury**

- Priority recommendations: final edits, distribution plan
- Membership status

- Letter of endorsement for new Career Start initiative